

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-46.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-46 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art either singularly or in combination of a method for providing A wireless device, comprising: a viewing screen; a processor; a memory device that stores short messaging service (SMS) electronic messages that have been transmitted or received by the wireless device; and a message software interface module executed by the processor that (a) displays a current SMS electronic message on the viewing screen, (b) automatically filters each of the SMS electronic messages stored in the memory device to identify one or more select SMS messages meeting a pre-set criteria, and (c) automatically displays the one or more select SMS messages on the viewing screen along with the current SMS electronic message, wherein the one or more select SMS messages and the current SMS electronic message are displayed as a single thread on the viewing screen wherein after the current SMS electronic message is displayed on the viewing screen; the message software interface module is configured to perform the operations of (b) automatically filtering each of the SMS electronic messages stored in the memory device and (c) automatically displaying the one or more select SMS messages without requiring user input. These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

The present invention is directed to (a) displays a current SMS electronic message on the viewing screen, (b) automatically filters each of the SMS electronic messages stored in the memory device to identify one or more select SMS messages meeting a pre-set criteria, and (c)

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automatically displays the one or more select SMS messages on the viewing screen along with the current SMS electronic message, wherein the one or more select SMS messages and the current SMS electronic message are displayed as a single thread on the viewing screen wherein after the current SMS electronic message is displayed on the viewing screen; the message software interface module is configured to perform the operations of (b) automatically filtering each of the SMS electronic messages stored in the memory device and (c) automatically displaying the one or more select SMS messages without requiring user input. Each independent claim is identified “automatically displays the one or more select SMS messages on the viewing screen along with the current SMS electronic message, wherein the one or more select SMS messages and the current SMS electronic message are displayed as a single thread on the viewing screen wherein after the current SMS electronic message is displayed on the viewing screen; the message software interface module is configured to perform the operations of (b) automatically filtering each of the SMS electronic messages stored in the memory device and (c) automatically displaying the one or more select SMS messages without requiring user input.”

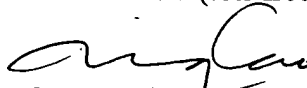
The closest prior art Laiho and Microsoft Outlook discloses a conventional SMS message from the to the network using selected configuration either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate or render the above underline limitations obvious.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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